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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Cotton Ginnings
- Crop Production
- Poultry Slaughter
- Pecan Production
- Turkey Hatchery
- Fresh Vegetables

### COTTON GINNINGS

**Cotton ginner**s continue to operate with minimal problems. Cotton harvesting is running behind last year's comparable crop and is also behind the 5-year average. Recent rains have slowed harvesting and may impact crop quality.

#### Running Bales Ginned Prior to October 1, 2005, Selected States and U.S.

State	Running Bales Ginned		
	2003	2004	2005
Alabama	21,550	38,300	35,450
Florida	3,700	1/	0
Georgia	62,800	82,400	29,000
Mississippi	405,300	367,300	404,950
North Carolina	950	46,700	17,800
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>16,350</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Texas	1,091,850	1,265,750	1,057,450
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>2,001,150</b>	<b>2,226,500</b>	<b>2,285,750</b>

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

#### UPLAND COTTON: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and U.S., 2004 and October 1, 2005

Selected State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production 1/	
	2004	2005	2004	Sept 1, 2005	Oct 1, 2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales 2/	
Alabama	540.0	545.0	724	722	722	814.0	820.0
Georgia	1,280.0	1,210.0	674	762	762	1,797.0	1,920.0
Mississippi	1,100.0	1,180.0	1,024	895	895	2,346.0	2,200.0
North Carolina	725.0	810.0	900	800	800	1,360.0	1,350.0
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>214.0</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>390.0</b>	<b>395.0</b>
Texas	5,350.0	5,500.0	694	628	663	7,740.0	7,600.0
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>12,809.0</b>	<b>13,408.0</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>22,505.1</b>	<b>22,013.0</b>

1/ Production ginned and to be ginned. 2/ 480- Lb. net bales.

### CROP PRODUCTION

Based on October 1 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2005 crop yields for corn are up, while cotton, tobacco, peanuts and soybeans are down from September.

**COTTON** production is forecast at 395,000 bales, up 1 percent from last year but down 20,000 bales from a month ago. The 2005 yield per acre is expected to average 721 pounds, down 154 pounds from last year and down 36 pounds from last month. Acres for harvest, at 263,000, are unchanged from last month and up 49,000 acres from last year.

**CORN** production in 2005 is expected to total 30.0 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year and up 2 percent from September. Expected yield per acre of 107 bushels is up 7 bushels from 2004 and up 2 bushels from last month. Acres for harvest as grain, at 280,000, are down 15,000 acres from 2004.

**FLUE-CURED TOBACCO** production as of October 1 is forecast at 47.2 million pounds, down 1.1 million pounds from last month's forecast, and down 22 percent from last year's production of 60.8 million pounds. The expected yield per acre of 2,050 pounds is down 50 pounds from last month, and down 200 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest, at 23,000, are unchanged from last month, but down 4,000 acres from a year ago.

**SOYBEAN** production this year is forecast at 8.8 million bushels, down 25 percent from last month and down 38 percent from 2004's production of 14.3 million bushels. The expected yield per acre of 21 bushels is down 7 bushels from the September estimate and down 6 bushels from last year. Acres for harvest, at 420,000, are down 110,000 from last year's harvested acres of 530,000.

**PEANUT** production is forecast at 188.8 million pounds - up 68 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from September. The expected yield per acre, at 3,100 pounds, is down 100 pounds from the September 1 forecast, and down 200 pounds from last year. Acres for harvest at 59,000, is up 26,000 acres from 2004.

# CROP PRODUCTION

## CROPS: Planted and Harvested Acreage, Yield and Production, South Carolina and United States, as of October 1, 2005

Crop	Planted Acres (000)		Harvested Acres (000)		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production (000)	
	2004	Indicated 2005	2004	Indicated 2005	2004	Indicated 2005	2004	Indicated 2005
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>								
Corn for Grain <u>6/</u> . . . . . Bu.	315	300	295	280	100.0	107.0	29,500	29,960
Cotton, Upland . . . Lb. & Bales	215.0	265.0	214.0	263.0	875	721	390	395
Hay, All . . . . . Ton	—	—	330	330	2.40	—	792	—
Oats . . . . . Bu.	40	35	20	20	55.0	59	1,100	1,180
Peanuts for Nuts . . . . . Lb.	35.0	62.0	33.0	59.0	3,400	3,200	112,200	188,800
Sorghum for Grain . . . . . Bu.	7	10	5	6	52.0	—	260	—
Soybeans for Beans <u>6/</u> . . Bu.	540	430	530	420	27.0	21.0	14,310	8,820
Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Cwt.	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	120	—	96	—
Tobacco, Flue-Cured . . . Lbs.	—	—	27.0	23.0	2,250	2,050	60,750	47,150
Wheat, Winter . . . . . Bu.	190	170	180	165	44.0	52.0	7,920	8,580
Cucumbers, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/ 7/</u> Cwt.	2.2	—	2.0	1.7	120	—	240.0	—
Cucumbers for Pickles <u>1/</u> . Ton	4.2	4.3	4.0	—	5.70	—	22.8	—
Snap Beans, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/</u> . Cwt.	1.4	—	1.0	—	60	—	60	—
Squash . . . . . Cwt.	1.4	—	1.3	—	110	—	142	—
Tomatoes, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/ 8/</u> . Cwt.	3.6	—	3.5	3.1	300	—	1,050	—
Cantaloups <u>8/</u> . . . . . Cwt.	1.3	—	1.1	1.1	140	—	154	—
Watermelons <u>8/</u> . . . . . Cwt.	8.0	—	7.0	6.5	210	—	1,470	—
Apples <u>3/ 4/ 5/</u> . . . . . Lb.	—	—	1.0	—	6,000	—	3,000	5,000
Peaches <u>3/ 4/ 5/</u> . . . . . Ton	—	—	14.5	—	4.83	—	55.0	70.0
Pecans <u>5/</u> . . . . . Lb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,100	2,500
<b>UNITED STATES</b>								
Corn for Grain <u>6/</u> . . . . . Bu.	80,930	81,642	73,632	74,333	160.4	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440
Cotton, Upland . . . Lb. & Bales	13,409.0	13,914.0	12,809.0	13,408.0	843	788	22,505.1	22,013.0
Hay, All . . . . . Ton	—	—	61,916	61,723	2.55	2.48	157,774	152,871
Oats <u>6/</u> . . . . . Bu.	4,085	4,240	1,787	1,823	64.7	63.1	115,695	115,002
Peanuts for Nuts <u>6/</u> . . . . . Lb.	1,430.0	1,646.0	1,394.0	1,607.0	3,076	3,061	4,288,200	4,919,300
Sorghum for Grain <u>6/</u> . . . . Bu.	7,486	6,495	6,517	5,687	69.8	66.0	454,899	375,105
Soybeans for Beans <u>6/</u> . . . Bu.	75,208	72,200	73,958	71,270	42.2	41.6	3,123,686	2,967,075
Sweetpotatoes . . . . . Cwt.	96.9	92.3	92.8	89.5	174	—	16,112	—
Tobacco, Flue-Cured <u>6/</u> . . Lbs.	—	—	228.4	178.8	2,272	2,150	518,835	384,470
Tobacco, All <u>6/</u> . . . . . Lbs.	—	—	408.0	307.1	2,155	2,083	879,227	639,566
Wheat, Winter <u>6/</u> . . . . . Bu.	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680	43.5	44.4	1,499,434	1,493,769
Cucumbers, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/ 7/</u> Cwt.	59.4	—	56.2	14.4	172	—	9,652	—
Cucumbers for Pickles <u>1/</u> Ton	116.3	100.6	113.5	—	5.16	—	586.0	—
Snap Beans, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/</u> . Cwt.	102.1	—	92.9	—	63	—	5,859	—
Squash . . . . . Cwt.	56.9	—	52.6	—	147	—	7,756	—
Tomatoes, Fr. Mkt. <u>2/ 8/</u> . Cwt.	130.7	—	126.4	27.6	286	—	36,116	—
Cantaloups <u>8/</u> . . . . . Cwt.	93.4	—	90.0	41.2	225	—	20,274	—
Watermelons <u>8/</u> . . . . . Cwt.	162.6	—	141.2	54.1	261	—	36,816	—
Apples <u>3/ 4/ 5/</u> . . . . . Lb.	—	—	386.1	—	27,000	—	10,330,600	9,379,100
Peaches <u>3/ 4/ 5/</u> . . . . . Ton	—	—	146.2	—	8.94	—	1,229.8	1,233.9
Pecans <u>5/</u> . . . . . Lb.	—	—	—	—	—	—	185,800	288,700

1/ 2005 contract acres only. 2/ 2004 winter, spring, summer and fall. U.S. major states. 3/ Bearing acreage estimates are primarily based on periodic orchard surveys. 4/ Yield is based on total production which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions. 5/ Utilized production for 2004 Peach and apple forecasts for 2004 is total production. 6/ Revisions for planted and/or harvested acres 2004. 7/ 2005 Spring and fall seasons. 8/ 2005 Summer season.

## POULTRY SLAUGHTER

There were 23.9 million young chickens slaughtered under inspection during August 2005 in SOUTH CAROLINA, up 14 percent from July. The average live weight was 5.77 pounds per bird, down from 5.80 in July. The total live weight

of the birds inspected was 137.7 million pounds, compared to 121.6 million pounds the previous month and the total certified meat production from these birds was 102.9 million pounds compared to 91.4 million pounds in July 2005.

### YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED: Number, Live Weight, Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July and August 2005

Selected States	Number Inspected		Live Weight Inspected		Average Live Weight Inspected <sup>1/</sup>		Total Certified <sup>2/</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
									N.Y. Dressed		Percent <sup>3/</sup>	
	July	August	July	August	July	August	July	August	July	August	July	August
	Thou.		Thou. Lbs		Pounds		Thou. Lbs		Percent			
Alabama	87,417	97,788	452,221	505,317	5.17	5.17	337,591	376,268	3,632	4,375	0.89	0.96
Arkansas	94,260	107,137	484,927	554,614	5.14	5.18	355,843	409,410	4,307	5,245	0.99	1.05
Georgia	102,314	112,976	512,566	568,430	5.01	5.03	382,118	421,468	3,059	3,334	0.66	0.65
Mississippi	63,576	61,317	347,099	337,040	5.46	5.50	260,235	256,998	2,639	2,510	0.84	0.83
North Carolina	56,849	61,874	360,499	392,630	6.34	6.35	275,986	300,708	3,594	3,689	1.11	1.04
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>20,953</b>	<b>23,885</b>	<b>121,585</b>	<b>137,701</b>	<b>5.80</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>91,385</b>	<b>102,859</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.62</b>
UNITED STATES	718,609	792,884	3,788,521	4,190,011	5.27	5.28	2,809,096	3,110,100	31,442	34,081	0.92	0.90

<sup>1/</sup> Average weight based on unrounded data. <sup>2/</sup> Ready-to-cook weights. <sup>3/</sup> Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

## PECAN PRODUCTION

Based on October 1, 2005 conditions, SOUTH CAROLINA'S **pecan** crop is expected to total 2,500,000 pounds, up from 1,100,000 pounds last year. Growers expect to harvest 2,000,000 pounds of improved varieties and 500,000 pounds of the native and seedling varieties. Harvest and production are down due to traditional alternate bearing patterns.

The October 1 forecast for U.S. 2005 pecan utilized production is at 289 million pounds (in-shell basis), up 55 percent from last year's crop and 2 percent above the 2003 crop. Improved varieties are expected to produce 232 million pounds or 80 percent of the total, while the native and seedling varieties at 57.0 million pounds, make up the remaining 20 percent. The 2005 crop is expected to be larger than last year's in most producing states, mainly because it is an up year in the alternate bearing pattern typical of pecans. Louisiana and Mississippi are exceptions due to extensive hurricane damage.

### Utilized Production, Select States, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted October 1, 2005

State	Utilized Production		
	2003	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds		
Florida	2,100	500	1,400
Georgia	75,000	45,000	90,000
North Carolina	2,500	100	2,000
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>2,500</b>
Texas	70,000	40,000	70,000
UNITED STATES	282,100	185,800	288,700

## TURKEY HATCHERY

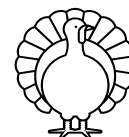
Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 2005, in the UNITED STATES totaled 26.7 million, up slightly from October 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 5 percent below the September 2005 total of 28.2 million eggs.

The 22.7 million poults placed during September 2005 in the United States were up 7 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 5 percent from August 2005.

### Eggs in Incubators and Poults Placements Region and United States, 2004 - 2005

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators October		Poults Placed During September <sup>1/</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands			
East N. Central	4,345	4,408	3,125	3,424
West N. Central	10,533	10,753	8,200	9,230
<b>N. &amp; S. Atlantic</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>8,341</b>	<b>6,668</b>	<b>6,979</b>
S. Central	2,079	1,574	1,839	1,557
West	1,695	1,671	1,436	1,545
UNITED STATES	26,744	26,747	21,268	22,735

<sup>1/</sup> Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.



## FRESH VEGETABLES

Fresh market cucumber producers in **SOUTH CAROLINA** plan to harvest 700 acres this fall, down 30 percent from 2004's 1,000 acres and no change from 2003. South Carolina's fall acreage for 2005 has decreased significantly. Precipitation levels that were well below normal contributed greatly to the decrease in acres. Also, many coastal areas that were fortunate enough to receive moisture were saturated and thus were susceptible to disease problems.

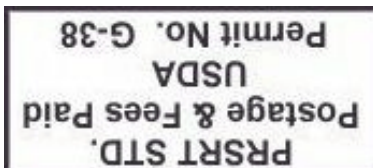
The **UNITED STATES** prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the fall

quarter is forecast at 163,900 acres, up 3 percent from last year. Acreage increased for snap beans, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn and bell peppers while acreage decreased for celery, head lettuce, tomatoes, and cucumbers. Acreage for cabbage remained the same. Area forecasted for melon harvest is 15,800 acres, up 35 percent from last year. Cantaloup harvested area is forecast at 12,300 acres, up 45 percent from 2004. Honeydew harvested area is forecast at 3,500 acres, up 9 percent from last fall.

### SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES: Acres Harvested by Crop, State, and Total, Fall Season, 2002-2003 and Prospective Acres 2005

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Harvested Acres		Acres For Harvest 2005	2005 Acres For Harvest as Percent of 2004
		2003	2004		
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>		----- Acres -----			Percent
Florida	Oct - Dec	4,800	4,600	4,300	93
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>Oct - Dec</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>70</b>
Texas	Sep - Nov	1,100	1,200	1,500	125
Virginia	Sep - Oct	1,300	900	700	78
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,900</b>	<b>7,700</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>94</b>

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